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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. Wheaton Byers brought the attached "Dear Dick" note from George Anderson directly to me because Anderson was in some rush to get a laser briefing before he goes off somewhere next week.

2. Anderson also wants to be briefed on the methodology for arriving at figures of Soviet military and economic aid, as a result of a table (attached) which Ed Allen's office prepared and we sent along.

3. Anderson wants to come by here to get these briefings and I have arranged with Allen to see him, along with [redacted] and [redacted] at 9 a.m., Monday, March 8. After that, I will take him to Don Chamberlain's office where he will get a briefing on Soviet lasers, on which Don says he has a considerable amount of information.

4. You will recall that the business of methodology in arriving at economic figures for the USSR was the subject of some rather outrageously bad behavior on the part of several Board members during an earlier appearance that Ed Allen made before them. The eminent economist, Dr. Baker, was in full cry at the head of the pack. I am fully confident that Ed and his people can sit down with Anderson in their native habitat and convince him of the validity of the method. I propose to sit through both briefings.

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Attachments

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Dear Dick:

I had a long talk with Dr. Teller this morning and the sum of the thoughts expressed by him raised questions in my mind about the progress of Soviet research and development in the use of the laser in an offensive and defensive mode. Would you please provide a briefing for me in this subject area?

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

*George*

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